

ISSUED: February 8, 2011

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1481

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Staff investigation of the Oregon Universal
Service Fund.

PREHEARING
CONFERENCE
MEMORANDUM

DISPOSITION: REVISED SCHEDULE ADOPTED

On February 2, 2011, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) held a prehearing conference in this docket. The purpose of the prehearing conference was to discuss the next phase of the docket.

Appearances

The following parties appeared at the conference: Commission Staff, Comcast, Warm Springs Telecommunications Company, Frontier Communications, AT&T, GVNW Consulting, Oregon Telecommunications Association, Oregon Telecommunications Ratepayers Association for Cost-based and Equitable Rates, Integra Telecom, Verizon, Qwest, CenturyLink, and Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon.

Intervention

This docket will proceed with two additional phases: Phase II and Phase III. All parties participating in the telephone conference on February 2 requested re-intervention in Phase II of the docket, and no party objected to any other party's intervention. I granted all requests for re-intervention, conditional on the parties' correction of any changes in the information supplied in their initial petitions to intervene. If any information submitted in a party's initial petition to intervene in this docket has changed, the party must notify the Commission by February 22, 2011.

Docket Phases

In 2010, the Commission completed Phase I of this docket. In Phase I, the parties conducted workshops and submitted opening and closing comments identifying issues with the Oregon Universal Service Fund (OUSF), and recommending large-scale structural changes to the fund.

The docket will continue with two remaining phases. In Phase II, the Commission will consider modest interim measures to improve the current OUSF's functioning and accountability. For Phase II, Staff will initially offer a proposal of interim measures for improving the OUSF. Both Staff and the parties will then have the opportunity to comment on Staff's proposal.

In Phase III, the Commission will look at the long-term future of the OUSF and will consider parties' proposals to dramatically restructure the purpose and functioning of the fund.

Finally, the Commission issued an order in this docket on December 28, 2010. Parties subject to the accountability requirements in that order should make their best efforts to comply with those requirements, regardless of the proceedings in Phase II of this docket. If the Commission ultimately decides to revise the requirements adopted in Order No. 10-496, it will so note in its Phase II order.

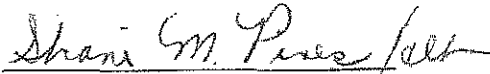
Phase II Schedule

I adopt the following schedule for Phase II of this docket:

Staff Distributes Proposal	March 16, 2011
Parties' Opening Comments Due	April 13, 2011
* Workshop	May 2, 2011
Parties' and Staff Closing Comments Due	May 12, 2011

* I include the workshop date for the convenience of the parties. Parties may change workshop dates without consulting the Commission.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2011, in Salem, Oregon.


Shani M. Pines
Administrative Law Judge